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TAGS: PINT, JA, KS
SUBJECT: MAJOR BILLS CLEAR DIET COMMITTEE

1. IN LATE EVENING SESSION APRIL 27, LOWER HOUSE
AGRICULTURE/FISHERIES COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
BILLS TO EXPAND JAPAN'S TERRITORIAL SEA TO TWELVE
NAUTICAL MILES AND TO ESTABLISH 200 NAUTICAL MILE
FISHERY ZONE. OPPOSITION ATTEMPT TO AMEND TERRITORIAL
SEA BILL TO INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL STRAITS WITHIN JAPAN'S
TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THEREBY APPLY WITHOUT EXCEPTION JAPAN'S
THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES WAS DEFEATED, AND GOVERNMENT
DRAFT WAS ADOPTED ESSENTIALLY AS PRESENTED.

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2. IN RELATED MOVE LATE SAME EVENING, LDP FORCED BILL TO
RATIFY JAPAN-ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT THROUGH
LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. JSP, JCP AND CGP
BOYCOTTED SESSION AND NLC MEMBER WAS INADVERTENTLY ABSENT.
DSP ATTENDED BUT VOTED AGAINST BILL.

3. IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN GOJ NEGOTIATING POSITION IN

FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS, GOJ HOPES TO
SECURE LOWER HOUSE APPROVAL OF TERRITORIAL SEA AND
FISHERIES ZONE BILLS ON APRIL 28; WHILE UPPER HOUSE
WOULD STILL HAVE TO ACT ON THESE MEASURES, APRIL 28
APPROVAL OF CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT WOULD AVERT NEED
FOR AFFIRMATIVE UPPER HOUSE ACTION, THIS BEING A TREATY.
OPPOSITION PARTIES, ENRAGED OVER HIGH-HANDED TACTICS EMPLOYED
BY LDP TO SECURE COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF CONTINENTAL SHELF
AGREEMENT, HAVE THUS FAR EFFECTIVELY STALLED OPENING OF
APRIL 28 LOWER HOUSE SESSION. USUALLY WELL-INFORMED
OBSERVERS HAVE TOLD US, HOWEVER, THEY ARE CONFIDENT
HOUSE WILL ACT ON TERRITORIAL SEA AND FISHERIES BILLS
BY END OF DAY AND SECURE UPPER HOUSE PASSAGE MAY 2. THEY
ARE LESS SANGUINE ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF
AGREEMENT. SOURCES CLOSE TO LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER HORI HAVE
TOLD US THAT HORI SUPPORTS BILL AND IS STRIVING TO
PUSH IT THROUGH HOUSE IN TIME, BUT OTHER OBSERVERS
BELIEVE LDP, FEARFUL OF DISRUPTING LATER UPPER HOUSE
DELIBERATIONS, WILL DEFER LOWER HOUSE APPROVAL UNTIL AFTER
GOLDEN WEEK (APRIL 29 - MAY 5) HOLIDAYS. MEASURE WOULD
THEN BE INTRODUCED IN UPPER HOUSE BUT NO EFFORT MADE
TO SECURE PASSAGE UNTIL AUTUMN DIET SESSION. FONOFF
SOURCES ARE CONFIDENT OF PASSAGE OF TERRITORIAL SEA
AND FISHERIES BILLS APRIL 28, BUT HESITATE TO
PREDICT FATE OF JAPAN-ROK TREATY.
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